

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 and add the following new claims.

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A method of assembling a window lifting mechanism to a vehicle door panel having a first alignment member on one side and a second alignment member on an opposite side comprising the steps of:

(a) aligning a window regulator housing relative to the door panel via the first alignment member;

(b) aligning a power mechanism relative to the door panel via the second alignment member; and

(c) securing the window regulator housing and power mechanism to the door panel.

22. (New) A method as defined in claim 21 wherein step (c) further comprises fixing the window regulator housing and power mechanism to the door panel independently from the first and second alignment members.

23. (New) A method as defined in claim 21 wherein step (c) further comprises fixing the window regulator housing and power mechanism to the door panel via the first and second alignment members.

24. (New) A method as defined in claim 21 further including the step of forming a single contiguous feature on the door panel to define both first and second alignment members.

25. (New) A method as defined in claim 24 further including the step of forming the single contiguous feature as a projection on one of the one side or the opposite side of the

door panel, and forming a recess on the other of the one side or the opposite side of the door panel.

26. (New) A method as defined in claim 25 further including the step of forming a first corresponding alignment member on the window regulator housing to cooperate with one of the projection or recess and forming a second corresponding alignment member on the power mechanism to cooperate with the other of the projection or recess.

27. (New) A method as defined in claim 26 further including the steps of forming the projection as a frustoconical projection and forming a corresponding frustoconical surface on the first and second corresponding alignment members such that the surfaces engage opposing sides of the frustoconical projection.

28. (New) A method as defined in claim 24 further including the steps of forming the single contiguous feature in a pressing operation, and forming a fixing hole in at least one of the first alignment member and the second alignment member for securing one of the window regulator housing and the power mechanism to the door panel in which the fixing hole is contiguous with the feature formed in the pressing operation.

29. (New) A method as defined in claim 21 further including the step of forming a fixing hole in at least one of the first alignment member and the second alignment member for securing one of the window regulator housing or the power mechanism to the door panel.

30. (New) A method as defined in claim 21 further including the step of forming at least one of the first or second alignment members as a transversely extending tab formed in the door panel.

31. (New) A method as defined in claim 30 further including the step of forming both of the first and second alignment members as transversely extending tabs.

32. (New) A method as defined in claim 31 further including the steps of forming a first stepped recess to define a first engagement surface in the window regulator housing, engaging one of the tabs with the first engagement surface, forming a second stepped recess to define a second engagement surface in the power mechanism, and engaging the other of the tabs with the second engagement surface.

33. (New) A method as defined in claim 21 further including the step of forming at least one of the first or second alignment members as a dowel secured to and projecting outwardly from the door panel.

34. (New) A method as defined in claim 33 further including the steps of forming both the first and second alignment members as a single dowel having first and second ends projecting outwardly from opposing sides of the door panel, forming a first opening in the window regulator housing, forming a second opening in the power mechanism, inserting the first end of the dowel in the first opening, and inserting the second end of the dowel in the second opening.

35. (New) A method as defined in claim 34 further including the step of threadably attaching the dowel only to the door panel.

36. (New) A method as defined in claim 35 further including the steps of threadably attaching a first fastening element to the first end of the dowel to secure the window regulator housing to the door panel and threadably attaching a second fastening element to the second end of the dowel to secure the power mechanism to the door panel.

37. (New) A method as defined in claim 33 further including the steps of forming the first alignment member as a first dowel secured to and projecting outwardly from one side of the door panel, forming the second alignment member as a second dowel secured to and projecting outwardly from the opposite side of the door panel where the first and second dowels are laterally spaced apart from each other.

38. (New) A method as defined in claim 37 further including the steps of inserting the first dowel through a first opening formed in the window regulator housing, threadably attaching a first fastening element to the first dowel to secure the window regulator housing to the door panel, inserting the second dowel through a second opening formed in the power mechanism, and threadably attaching a second fastening element to the second dowel to secure the power mechanism to the door panel.

39. (New) A method as defined in claim 33 further including the step of riveting or swaging the dowel to the door panel.

40. (New) A method as defined in claim 21 further including the steps of forming a fixing feature separately from the first and second alignment features to secure at least one of the window regulator housing or power mechanism to the door panel, and forming the fixing feature as a projection on one of the window regulator housing, door panel, or power mechanism having tang for engagement with another of the window regulator housing, door panel, or power mechanism.